

PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q76703

Sadato AKAHORI

Appln. No.: 10/628,286

Group Art Unit: 2624

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE PROCESSING

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted, and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

Applicant submits herewith the following references which were cited in an Office Action issued April 15, 2008 in the corresponding Japanese application:

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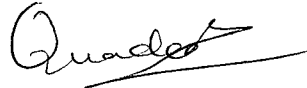
- JP 9-167233,
- JP 2002-117409,
- JP 2001-160057,
- JP 10-512734, and
- US Patent No. 5,995,668

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants also submit herewith English Language Abstracts for each of the Japanese references. Additionally, Applicants note that JP 10-512734 corresponds to US Patent No. 5,995,668.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)**

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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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